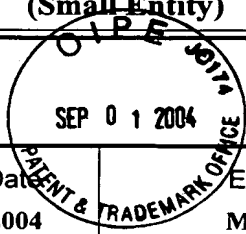


**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)**  
**(Small Entity)**

Docket No.  
**A-8905**

In Re Application Of:  
**Howard LOWE**



Application No.  
**10/763,218**

Filing Date  
**01/26/2004**

Examiner  
**M. Nguyen**

Customer No.  
**20741**

Group Art Unit  
**3754**

Confirmation No.  
**6564**

Invention:

**SHUT-OFF VALVE ASSEMBLY**

**COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:**

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action of **04/30/2004** in the above-identified application.  
*Date*

The requested extension is as follows (check time period desired):

☐ One month    ☐ Two months    ☒ Three months    ☐ Four months    ☐ Five months

from: **06/30/2004**  
*Date*

until: **09/30/2004**  
*Date*

☒ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

The fee for the extension of time is **\$475** and is to be paid as follows:

- ☒ A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.  
☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. **08-2455**  
☒ If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor and charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. **08-2455**  
☐ Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.

**WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.**

  
*Signature*

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